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DON'T turn down that blind date! In two years you may be married to him.

A recent survey shows that 38% of Iowa State students that are pinned, engaged, or going steady have met their mates on blind dates.

If you tend to follow the average coed in her dating habits, chances are you have a blind date once every quarter, or if you are a freshman, once every two weeks.

The reasons for accepting blind dates are varied. Most people like to meet other students, others claim they like to gamble. Some women admit, however, that the only reason they take a blind date is as a last resort. Whatever your reason, you've probably discovered by now that blind dates are fun and a good way to vary your date life. Most coeds agree that their dates are usually satisfactory and they are willing to accept more. If you don't like blind dates, it's probably because you haven't had enough. Those women who have accepted more than three blind dates were much more enthusiastic than those with less than three.

A coke date before going out or doubling with the couple who arranged the date is the best method of getting acquainted and avoiding a dull evening. The general opinion seems to be that parties are the best place to go, with movies running a close second.

The story of the blind date that ends in marriage in most cases tends to follow a regular pattern. Let's take the experiences of Betty, a typical coed. It was a Friday and she had decided to stay in and study that night. At 7 o'clock her roommate had a phone call. Would she get a blind date, her fellow wanted to know? After much persuasion, Betty decided she wasn't in a mood for studying after all and so accepted the date. She and her date, Bill, had a wonderful time. After that Bill confined his dating exclusively to Betty, but she continued to "play the field." In three months time they were going steady, and after two years they were married.

With little variation, the majority of blind dates either have become serious within five months or not at all.

Jean, for instance, met Burt in a geology class and had one date with him. The quarter terminated and so did the acquaintance. She didn't see Burt again for two months. A friend arranged a blind date for her and when she walked downstairs to meet him, to her surprise, there was Burt. After graduation, Burt gave Jean another degree, her Mrs.

Perhaps one reason that many blind dates turn out so well is that the woman is generally reluctant to accept a blind date with a fellow she doesn't know. Height and reputation are the things most girls want to know. The type of personality he has is also important. As one girl stated it, "I don't care if he looks like Van Johnson or the Ugly-man-on-campus-contest winner. If he's got a sense of humor, I'll go with him."

Think twice next time before turning down that blind date. Not only are blind dates a socially accepted means of meeting people, but 78% of the I.S.C. coeds said they would rather have a blind date than go out with a boy they weren't enthusiastic about. Even Bob Hope in one of his latest records tells about his experiences with a blind date which ends up with the couple living happily ever after. You may be missing your chance to meet that dream man you've been looking for when you say "no" to that offer of a blind date.

Your Blind Date

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start like this . . .*



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end in this . . .*



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